

326 Martin Luther King Boulevard (House)
Newark
Essex County
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-916

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Newark
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 326 Martin Luther King Boulevard (House)		HABS NO. NJ-916
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE N/A		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 326 Martin Luther King Boulevard (formerly High Street)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1853 (historic maps, title search, Directories).	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) N/A	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Private residence typical of three-story brick townhouses in District, City and nationally for period in general. Initial (first-level) residence, associated with early second half 19th C. development of area.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular Italianate-influenced attached townhouse. "Transitional"		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load-bearing brick exterior walls and foundation, frame roof and partitions. Wood trim. Limestone lintels and sills.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Three stories, flat roof. 20'-10"W. x 32' -6" (original) plus 24' addition. Three bay, side hall plan (see sketch plan).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Decorative roof cornice with shaped modillion blocks in regular pattern. Simple stylized entrance w/recessed door, heavy entablature with modillions and dentils & Doric pilasters. Note "light well" on N. wall of Rr add'n. Would appear that similar additions to adjacent bldgs. might have been planned. Concrete covered brick front st		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) "Lightwell" noted above (exterior). Documentation shows earlier addition at rear, replaced by present. Simple, unadorned interiors devoid of decoration. Similarities with adjacent row houses.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Poor condition. Severe fire damage. Was fraternity house in recent years. Probably boarding house in early history. Now uninhabitable.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Scheduled for demolition as part of proposed expansion of Newark Campus of Rutgers University. This form is part of recordation of affected structures, performed by Historic Sites Research and the office of Albin H. Rothe, A.I.A., Architect - Planner.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Part of James Street Commons Historic District, listed on N.J. Register (2-10-77) and National Register (1-9-78).		
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